

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An enteric coating formulation comprising shellac and alginate.
2. (Original) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1, wherein the alginate is sodium alginate.
3. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~Claims 1 or 2~~, wherein the Shellac is in aqueous form.
4. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the Shellac is in aqueous salt form.
5. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the formulation is edible.
6. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% Shellac.
7. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~Claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the formulation comprises between 10-90% alginate.
8. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~Claims 1 to 5~~, where there are equal quantities of Shellac and sodium alginate present in the formulation.

9. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the formulation is in the form of a spray solution or a suspension.
10. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the alginate is of a low viscosity grade.
11. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the alginate has a viscosity of between 200 and 300 cps.
12. (Currently Amended) An enteric coating formulation as in Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the formulation further comprises a plasticiser.
13. (Currently Amended) A method of applying the ~~the~~ [[an]] enteric coating formulation of Claim 1 ~~any of the previous Claims~~, wherein the formulation is applied to a dosage unit by spraying.
14. (Currently Amended) A dosage unit comprising an enteric outer coating, wherein the enteric outer coating is of a formulation as described in Claim 1 ~~Claims 1 to 12~~.
15. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing the ~~the~~ [[an]] enteric coating of claim 1 ~~for any of Claims 1 to 12~~, comprising the step of mixing an aqueous solution of an alkali salt of Shellac with an aqueous solution of sodium alginate.